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AMCONSUL CHIANG MAI
AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 4896

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SNAR
SUBJECT: TASK FORCE REPORTS FOR WEEK ENDING MARCH 22, 1974

1. TASK FORCE 23 (SNO)

A. PERSONNEL: NO CHANGE.
B. OFFICE SPACE: NO CHANGE.
C. EQUIPMENT: NO CHANGE.
D. OPERATIONS: SNO: CHIANG MAI: ON MARCH 14, 1974,
SNO PERSONNEL ACTING ON THEIR OWN TACTICAL NARCOTIC
INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION RAIDED A RESIDENCE IN LUMPHOON
PROVINCE PURPORTED TO CONTAIN NARCOTICS. A SUBSEQUENT
SEARCH OF THE RESIDENCE REVEALED NEGATIVE NARCOTICS.
HOWEVER, A 50 MM BROWNING MACHINE GUN, SERIAL #U.S. 890524
WAS FOUND AND CONFISCATED DURING THE SEARCH. SNO RELEASED
THE WEAPON AND INVESTIGATION TO PROVINCIAL POLICE
AUTHORITIES FOR FURTHER ACTION.

ON MARCH 15, 1974, PROVINCIAL POLICE AUTHORITIES
FROM CHIANG MAI ACTING ON THEIR OWN TACTICAL NARCOTIC
INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION RAIDED THE RESIDENCE OF FORMER
POLICE LT. CHARN PUTTHAPHAN. A SUBSEQUENT SEARCH REVEALED
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APPROXIMATELY 60 GRAMS OF #4 HEROIN AND SIX KILOGRAMS OF

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MARIHUANA SECRETED IN CARVED TEAK FURNITURE. SUBSEQUENT TO THE DISCOVERY PUTTHAPHAN AND AN UNIDENTIFIED FEMALE WERE ARRESTED. POST-INTERROGATION OF THE SUBJECTS REVEALED OVERTONES OF A POSSIBLE INTERNATIONAL SMUGGLING OPERATION. SNO PERSONNEL AT CHIANG MAI HAVE ENTERED THE INVESTIGATION AND ARE PRESENTLY ASSISTING PROVINCIAL POLICE AUTHORITIES. FURTHER DETAILS OF THE INVESTIGATION WILL BE REPORTED VIA DEA-6, FILE NUMBER WB-74-0004.

2. TASK FORCE 27 (GSI)

A. PERSONNEL: THERE WERE NO PERSONNEL CHANGES DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD. THE STANDARD IDENTIFICATION OF FOREIGN DRUG LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES REPORT HAS BEEN COMPLETED AND SENT TO BRO.

B. OFFICE SPACE: GENERAL KHAMHOU AND MAJOR KHAMTHONG, THE SAYABOURY GSI GARRISON CHIEF, WISH TO KEEP THEIR GARRISON AT SAYABOURY OPEN ALTHOUGH USAID IS CLOSING THEIR OPERATIONS THERE BY JUNE 30, 1974. DISCUSSIONS AS TO FEASIBILITY, LOGISTICS, ETC ARE PRESENTLY TAKING PLACE.

C. EQUIPMENT: USAID IS STILL DETERMINING IF PROPER RADIO EQUIPMENT IN SAYABOURY CAN BE TRANSFERRED TO THE GSI GARRISON AFTER USAID DISCONTINUES ITS OPERATIONS THERE. A NEW TOYOTA SEDAN WAS ISSUED TO COL. PHOUKHONG, MIXED GENERAL STAFF, AND A VIETNAINE BASED SCOUT WAS SENT TO BAN HOUEI SAI GARRISON. TWO M-151'S STATIONED IN BAN HOUEI SAI ARE BEING RETURNED TO VIENTIANE.

D. OPERATIONS: VIENTIANE: GSI INVESTIGATORS ARE CONCENTRATING MORE ON CHINESE TRAFFICKERS THAN IN THE PAST. INSTEAD OF ARRESTING LOCAL PUSHERS, GSI IS STARTING TO USE SURVEILLANCE, ETC., ON THEM IN AN ATTEMPT TOWARD LARGER INVESTIGATIONS.

LUANG PRABANG: GSI REPORTS THAT LOCAL TRAFFICKERS ARE EXPERIENCING DIFFICULTY IN PURCHASING OPIUM FROM PATHET LAO CONTROLLED AREAS DUE TO THEIR LACK OF PATHET LAO KIP WHICH IS THE ONLY CURRENCY ACCEPTABLE TO THE CONFIDENTIAL

PATHET LAO.

SAYABOURY: GSI IS CONTINUING TO INTERDICT THE TRAILS LEADING OUT OF THE OPIUM GROWING AREAS OF THEIR PROVINCE. THEY ARE ALSO MONITORING RIVER TRAFFIC ON THE MEKONG.

BAN HOUEI SAI: GSI IS MAINTAINING REGULAR

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PRESENCE IN BAN KWAN (TRI-BORDER AREA) AND ARE CONTINUING
THEIR INVESTIGATION OF GFT: OUAN RATHIKOUN.

PAKSE: GSI IS CHECKING ALL BUSES AND MOST
AIRCRAFT ENTERING THEIR AREA.
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